

My heart goes out to you all now
You will find a check of \$50. as I hope it
will keep some of you on a fixed income
I wish I could send you more

God Bless all the people at
"Spencer"

Esther Traden



Ronald DeMers
RR3 Box 19 family
Colome, SD 57428
5/15/13

Our hearts go out to all
the families of Spencer, SD.

Our small contribution is only
a small part, but together - piece
by piece Spencer will soon
rebuild and start a new
beginning "Together" Ron- Kate
Ross Ronda
& Janice
DeMers

Dear Sirs.

Couldn't get thro by
phone. So am sending you
a small check. Praying
that I never have to face
something like that.

Yours Truly
Ruth Boddicker

June 3, 1998

\$10.00 of this donation came
from our daughter ^(Diane) from her
babysitting. She wanted to be
a help too.

God Bless you all!

Mary Leray
Linda & Diane Tarbox

Dear Kewland,

03 June 98

WE LIVE IN A TOWN WITH A POPULATION OF APPROXIMATELY 13 PEOPLE. OUR CLOSEST TOWN, THE TOWN OUR DAUGHTER GOES TO HIGH SCHOOL AT, THE TOWN OUR SON PLAYS AT ON A BASEBALL TEAM IS BASED ON THE SAME SIZE AS SEBERA. WE HAVE A LOT OF ELDERLY PEOPLE ALSO. IT WOULD BE SO HARD TO BELIEVE THAT IT COULD HAVE BEEN SPRINGFIELD.

ANYTHING AS DEVASTATING AS THAT TORRADO OR THE BLIZZARD THAT TRAPPED THE ONE LADY HITS SO CLOSE TO US. SMALL TOWNS NEED TO STICK TOGETHER TO SURVIVE! IF THAT WERE TO HAPPEN IN OUR TOWN, WE WOULD DO ALL WE COULD, PHYSICALLY, TO HELP.

WE'RE A FAMILY THAT RAISES SHEEP HAVE A SMALL SHEEP SHEARING BUSINESS, WE CAN'T AFFORD A LOT AND WE SHW ON YOUR SPECIAL TONIGHT, PEOPLE DONATING \$50⁰⁰, \$100⁰⁰, ETC.

I'M SORRY TO SAY THAT WE CAN'T AFFORD BUT \$20⁰⁰ WE TRIED TO CALL

ESPECIALLY DURING A "PLEDGE MATCH" BUT WE COULDN'T GET THROUGH. WE WERE ALSO GOING TO CHALLENGE ALL PEOPLE IN THE SHEEP INDUSTRY.

SINCE WE COULDN'T GET THROUGH ON THE PLEDGE PLEASE ACCEPT OUR CHECK FOR \$20⁰⁰, WE KNOW IT ISN'T MUCH.

BUT WE HOPE IT HELPS SOMEHOW. PLEASE GIVE OUR BEST TO THE PEOPLE OF SPRINGFIELD AND THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES.

WE ARE PRAYING FOR YOU ALL!!

Sincerely,

LUCISON SHEP SHEARERS
DEANIS, DEB, MANDY,
RICKY, MATT &
GENE LUCISON

BURTON, NEBRASKA

From: David Stuart[SMTP:stuarda@cam-walnet.com] *
Sent: Wednesday, June 03, 1998 9:45 PM
To: kelo@dakolaconnect.com
Subject: Spencer Pledge

Dave and Annis Stuart would like to pledge \$50.00.

Really appreciate how KELO TV has covered the story and worked hard to help the victims. You have been a class act. This is so nice to see when so much of the media is just out to get a story and many times at the expense of the victims.

David L. Stuart
20320 Cedar Court
Pierre, SD 57501

From: Scott Alan Manning[SMTP:manning@tnics.com]
Sent: Sunday, May 31, 1998 1:08 AM
To: kelotv@dakotaconnect.com
Subject: Good Job.

You people did a great job on the Spencer tornado. It must be very hard to broadcast something that you don't have a lot of information on, but you did a great job of getting as much information as you can.

Great job of reporting. Keep up the great work, and that is why I watch Kelo-land.

Scott Manning
15437 475th Ave.

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From: cheald@usd.edu[SMTP:cheald@usd.edu]
Sent: Friday, June 05, 1998 11:13 AM
To: kelotv@dakotaconnect.com
Subject: coverage

Thank you KELO for your great coverage of the Spencer tornado and keeping us informed during all the severe weather in the area last Saturday. I think you have a great news crew and trust the information you share with us. Thank you for enabling us to reach out to the residents of Spencer and reminding us of why we should be proud to live in South Dakota.

Cindy Heald

NEWS

From: johnlog[SMTP:johnlog@itctel.com]
Sent: Wednesday, June 03, 1998 9:12 PM
To: kelotv@dakotaconnect.com
Subject: Donation for Spencer tornado disaster fund

Mark and Julie Johnston and their children Jason and Kaitlin of Estelline, SD would like to donate \$100 to this fund. The phone lines have been busy for 2 hours and we could not get through. Please send me the information on where to send our money. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of the residents of Spencer and their families as they go through this devastating time in their lives. Once again KELO has come through for the residents of South Dakota. Your news team and their coverage should be commended. To see their emotions come through with the people they are talking with really shows us that KELO considers everyone in South Dakota equally as important as the people of Sioux Falls. To people like us from "small town" South Dakota it means we are not lost in the big city shuffle. Thank you for this opportunity to help and also for your compassion you have shown for the victims.

Julie Johnston
P.O. Box H
Estelline, SD 57234

To: kelo@dakotaconnect.com
Subject: June 3rd Spencer FundraiserTelecast

I was unable to watch the Spencer live telecast Wednesday night, but got home in time to hear and read the closing of the show. Touching.

I would be very interested in buying a video copy of Kelo's coverage of the Spencer disaster. Have you considered making one? It would be another excellent way to raise money for the victims of the tornado. Please keep us informed if you plan to make a video.

Kelo does a great job reporting the news. The reporters and anchor people feel like members of the family.

Thanks. Keep up the good work.

Janice VanDeWalle
20557 399 Avenue
Huron, SD 57350

NEWS

From: Jo Piehl[SMTP:jpiehl@hotmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, May 31, 1998 9:17 AM
To: kelo@dakotaconnect.com
Subject: ATTN: KRISTI PIEHL

Hi,

I heard Perry on CNN this morning and several times on WCCO Radio. He was great.

I'm sure you're very busy at the station today in the aftermath of the storm. Keep up the good work.

Get some rest.

Love,
MOM

NEWS

From: kruse[SMTP:kruse@splitrocktel.net]
Sent: Wednesday, June 03, 1998 9:59 PM
To: kelo@dakotaconnect.com
Subject: Thank You!



ATT00009.htm

To whom it may concern:

My name is Michele Smykle, and I just want to say THANK YOU for such a wonderful job showing all of us the terrible devastation of the sad town of Spencer. The pictures the words can not describe the pain those poor people must be feeling, but my continual prayers will be with each one of them.

I am sitting here watching the Tornado relief, and am so proud to be a South Dakotan! The pledges that are coming in are just so unbelievable. We should all be so grateful.

Thank you again!

Michele Smykle
(Brandon SD)

NEWS

From: Pete VanNoon[SMTP:dogfood@dlgn.net.com]
Sent: Monday, June 01, 1998 10:57 AM
To: kelotv@dakotaconnect.com
Subject: A Question.

Dear Kelo TV,

I would like to thank you for your continuous coverage during the storm. Many of the other stations had regular programming on and only a few news briefs, but, because of your continuous coverage my family and I were able to know if it was going to hit our part of town.

I was also wondering if you knew if it was a F5 or what it was.

Sincerely,

Amanda Van Noort

From: MButter777@aol.com[SMTP:MButter777@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, June 03, 1998 9:22 PM
To: kelo@dakotaconnect.com
Subject: Spencer Fund Raiser

To KELO TV staff,

We would like to pledge \$50.00.

We greatly appreciate your coverage of the past week. My folks were here from Alexandria, Minnesota area and they were just glued to your storm coverage and that of Spencer, South Dakota. They thought you did a great job. We did too. It made us proud.

My husband talked to a ham operator with the national weather (or something like that) at the Sioux Valley Wellness Center. The ham operator said he had to turn to KELO TV to get the updates because the national link he was connected to was too slow.

Thanks for a job well done. It has been a great service to this area and South Dakota.

Mark and Teresa Butterfield
1014 North Vail Drive
Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57110
605-339-4081

From: Bob EnsztSMTP:bensztideesign.com]
Sent: Monday, June 01, 1998 10:57 PM
To: kelo@dakotaconnect.com
Subject: Thanks for the GREAT weather coverage



ATT00003.htm

Thanks for the great coverage of the Spencer tragedy, especially on Sunday night's 5-6PM news. The whole Team really handled the situation with a great deal of dignity, so important when peoples lives are shattered. I spent 7 years as a trained tornado and severe weather spotter with Minnehaha County Civil Defense and saw many develop and some touch down. But I'll never forget the time that I was stationed extremely close to the city, around 41st and I29 and saw several funnel clouds form over the city but never touch down. Also, the time I was in Tracy Minnesota on business and was leaving town when their BIG ONE hit. After watching it from a half mile away you can never forget the awful destruction and that hideous yellow cast in the sky. That scene was the worst, until I saw the pictures of Spencer. Thanks for the coverage.

From: DarwinMichelle Hubers[SMTP:darmichh@easnet.net]
Sent: Thursday, June 04, 1998 9:20 PM
To: kelo@dakotaconnect.com
Subject: Spencer Fund raiser

Hi, My name is Michelle Hubers from Platte. I would like to donate \$50.00 toward the fund raiser for the people in Spencer.

I would also like to say something to all the people at KELO-TV. What a wonderful bunch of people you all are for organizing this fund raiser. It is really wonderful to have a television station take such interest in a small town like Spencer. It makes feel good to know that you do actually care about the small towns in South Dakota. You made this disaster into more than just a big news story to better KELO-TV. You took it into your own hands and made it an awareness to everyone in letting us all know that one of our neighbors needed help and let us know exactly how we could help and what the needs are.

May God Bless you all.

IT TRULY IS...

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Thanks again for your excellent coverage.

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